

DECLARATION FOR PATENT

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled VIDEO POKER GAMES WITH INCREASING PAYOUT AWARDS, the specification of which is attached hereto. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: NONE


I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: Provisional Application Serial No. 60/319388, filed July 10, 2002, entitled Video Poker Games with Increasing Payout Awards, now pending.

I hereby appoint the following registered patent attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith: JOHN EDWARD ROETHEL, Reg. No. 28,372.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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